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From: Forsyth, James (WES) [/O=COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS/OU=MASSMAIL-01/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=USERS/CN=JFORSYTH]
Sent: 9/11/2012 6:43:52 PM
To: Hanchett, James (DPH) [/O=COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS/OU=MassMail-01/cn=Recipients/cn=James.Hanchett]
Subject: RE: Drug lab policy and procedures

Thank you sir. I will advise tomorrow if motion is allowed and info is needed to be provided.

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From: Hanchett, James (DPH)
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 2:39 PM
To: Forsyth, James (WES)
Subject: RE: Drug lab policy and procedures

Hi Jim,

I have Sample Numbers [REDACTED] etal. These are heroin, cocaine and marihuana. I have no problem sending discovery packet and our SOP for those 3 drugs. This will contain the requested info. I can get them out to you later this week.

Thanks,

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From: Forsyth, James (WES)
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 2:18 PM
To: Hanchett, James (DPH)
Subject: RE: Drug lab policy and procedures

Heres the motion that defense has filed (first attachment) . It will be heard tomorrow.

The main focus for this defendant is # [REDACTED] (cocaine). Other analyses involved range from [REDACTED]

I will be objecting to late filing as the matter will be sent to a trial session in short order plus the basis (or lack thereof) of the motion (second attachment).

The codefendants are all pleading.

If any of the requests are easily answered, then I can them. If any are a problem or cause extensive time (such as the production of the logs) just advise me.

I want to thank you for such a quick response. I know you are extremely busy and can't imagine the additional burden of the Hinton Lab closure.

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From: Hanchett, James (DPH)

Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 1:12 PM

To: Forsyth, James (WES)

Subject: RE: Drug lab policy and procedures

Hi Jim,

Do they want all our Protocols or just Protocols pertaining to a given case i.e. cocaine. In the past we sent only Protocols for the particular case. If more is needed I will contact my boss to see what the procedure is at MSP Lab.

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From: Forsyth, James (WES)
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 11:33 AM
To: Farak, Sonja (DPH); Hanchett, James (DPH)
Subject: Drug lab policy and procedures

Mr. Hanchett or Ms. Farak:

I have received a motion by defense for a copy of the Policies and Procedures for the Drug Lab. Can you tell me how voluminous it is?

As you can probably guess, it is based on the situation with the drug lab in the eastern part of the state. The motion has not yet been heard. While I know that that testing issues in no way affects your lab, I anticipate motions arising by defense besides my own. The standard response on the request to view the DNA policies is that the defense can make arrangements to visit that lab because of the volume of material with a unduly burdensome task of it reproduction and then defense never does.

I can advise my office of your response to prevent repeated inquires.

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